

East Precinct Gains Full Time Precinct Liaison

By Dan Okada

Dan Okada has taken over the position of East Precinct Liaison previously held by Ed McKenna. Ed McKenna, who was splitting his time between the East and North precincts, will be handling the duties of North Precinct Liaison full-time. This brings the total number of full-time precinct liaisons to four. Seattle City Attorney Tom Carr has stated, in the past, his goal to eventually have one liaison assigned to each of the City's 5 police precincts.

Dan Okada has been a prosecutor with the Seattle City Attorney's Office for the last 4 ½ years. Prior to that, he worked for the criminal division of the Tacoma City Attorney's office for 2 years. While in Seattle he spent over two years working as a member of the Domestic Violence Unit.

Among some of the long-term projects to be addressed are continuing crime concerns around the 21st and Madison corridor, public safety concerns at the Yesler Terrace Stairs, and the re-opening of Cal Anderson Park tentatively scheduled for July of 2005. Dan hopes to work with members of the community, police, business interests and other City Agencies to develop long-term strategies to combat these on-going problems.